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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE
OF MICROBES AND DETERMINING THEIR PHYSIOLOGICAL STATUS

SERIAL NO.: 10 054,419

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

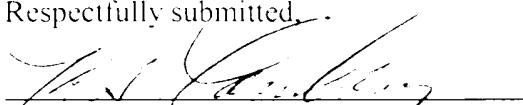
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Sir,

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, for 1 month from August 22, 2003, to September 22, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check for \$205.00 to cover the cost of the second month extension.

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